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Statue to honor pioneers

President Hinckley to keynote unveiling ceremonies in Mesa



Claude Pomeroy working on monument: To 'perpetuate the memory of those who founded Mesa'

PRESIDENT Gordon B. Hinckley, first counselor in the First Presidency, will be the keynote speaker at the unveiling of a new, life-sized pioneer monument in Mesa on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Ceremonies will be conducted at Pioneer Park at 11:30 a.m.

The unveiling of the bronze sculpture, featuring the four Mormon pioneers who founded Mesa, was made possible by the Mesa Pioneer Recognition Committee, the City of Mesa and more than 500 contributors, who donated funds to build the monument.

The monument was designed by LDS artist Claude Pomeroy, who will unveil it at the ceremony.

Other LDS involved in the project:

■ **Mesa Pioneer Recognition Committee:** Pat Pomeroy and Wayne Crismon.

■ **Monument fund-raising drive:** Waldo LeSueur, T. Dennis Barney, Jim Cooper, Jim Robson, Wil Crandall, Dilworth Brinton, Gail Sirrine, Ron Sirrine, Mary Pomeroy and Stephen Phelps.

During the ceremony, a time capsule will be placed at the monument base, which will include names of those who contributed to the project, current newspapers, etc.

Said Brother Pomeroy: "The monument will perpetuate the memory of those who founded Mesa and helped its growth. Standing for a thousand years or more, it says that Mesa is proud of its past, yet willing and able to meet the needs of the future."

The monument shows the four leaders of the Mesa Company—Charles Crismon, Francis Pomeroy, Charles Robson and George Sirrine—and a mother and child, representing the families who provided support and encouragement.

Bronze plaques listing the names of first Lehi and Mesa pioneers together with others who settled in Mesa prior to 1901 will be placed at the base of the monument.

The event is open to the public. For details, call Patrick Pomeroy, 898-7714, or Wayne Crismon, 921-0111.